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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

MINDFULNESS

FINANCIAL DISTRICT.

THIS IS NOT A WELL
THOUGHT-OUT PLAN.





ZOE SHOULD BE HAVING A MOST
ROMANTIC DINNER WITH DANIEL--

THANKS.

-NOT CHASING
SUPER-VILLAINS.

DANIEL'S NEVER
GOING TO SPEAK
TO ME AGAIN.



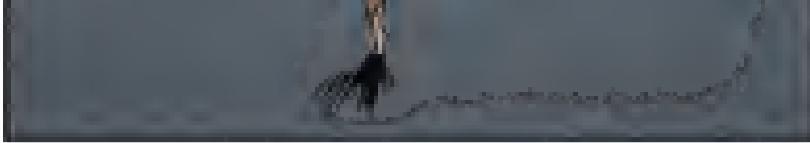
ZOE TRIES TO BE A GOOD PERSON, AND THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...

...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT SHE KEEPS TELLING HERSELF.



HA
HA HA
HA HA HA
HA!





THE FREEDOM TOWER--

--KAPLET PHARMACEUTICALS
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CITY'S
WILDERNESS TO BUILD A NEW
HEADQUARTERS.

MASSIVE TAX INCENTIVES AND
LEASED THREE FLOORS. THAT'S
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN
THOUSAND SQUARE FEET.

A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a green suit jacket, is shown from the chest up. He is looking slightly to the right with a neutral expression. A white speech bubble originates from his mouth and contains the text "...AND THANK YOU FOR THIS." The background is a light-colored office interior.

...AND
THANK
YOU FOR
THIS.



THE "SUPPLY CLOSET" IS
WHERE KAPLET'S DRUG REPS
FILL THEIR SAMPLE CASES.



I HAVE
TO SAY, I'M
CURIOUS TO
TRY IT OUT
MYSELF...

--BUT
WE HAVE
TO STAY
FOCUSED...



MINDFULL'S STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOSES
OF PARAPRIM AND SOVALDI AND SOLIRIS--

--SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST
EXPENSIVE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

...EXPENSIVE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS...

...SPECIALTY DRUGS THAT ARE OFTEN THE ONLY TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM PAINFUL AND LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES LIKE AIDS, RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, AND HEPATITIS C.

SYMPTOMS CAN DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT INSURANCE AND CAN AFFORD THE CO-PAY...

...BUT EVEN THEN, THE FDA AND
THE CDC PLAY ROULETTE WITH
WHO CAN GET WHICH DRUG--



--MAKING THE STREET VALUE OF THE
PILLS IN MINDFULL'S DUFFEL BAGS
CLOSE TO FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

THE VIAGRA'S FOR
PERSONAL USE.









WHEN SHE WAS GEORDIE'S AGE,
ZOE HAD TO COVER HER TRACKS IN
THE SAND WHEN SHE SNUCK OUT OF
HER FATHER'S HOUSE IN MALIBU--



ARE YOU
OKAY?

HOW
DID YOU
FIND
ME?



--GETTING IN
HERE WAS EASY.



EVERY-
THING'S
GOING TO
BE OKAY.

JUST
FOLLOW
ME.







AVALON.
THE FLEX-MEN.
PARAGON.

EITHER
VERSION.

THEY'RE PROFESSIONALS.
LET ONE OF THEM HANDLE IT.



MINDFULL'S
A KILLER.

WE NEED TO GET
OUT OF HERE. NOW.

BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE.





TOO LATE.



YOU'RE
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE,
ARE YOU...
GEORDIE?

N-N-NO,
SIR!



THE GUY FROM
FASHION WEEK!





--LEAVE
HIM ALONE!
HE'S JUST
A KID.

BUT
YOU LIKE
KIDS, DON'T
YOU,
ZOE...?







...GEORDIE
TOLD ME ALL
THE INTIMATE
DETAILS.

I WAS
TOUCHED,
ACTUALLY, BY
HIS FEELINGS
FOR YOU.



HE'S
SLEPT WITH
A LOT OF
WOMEN--





--BUT
HE'S IN
LOVE WITH
YOU.



TAKE
WHAT YOU
WANT AND
LEAVE US
ALONE.

GEORDIE'S
MY TICKET OUT
OF HERE. THE
POLICE WON'T TRY
TO STOP ME IF
I HAVE A
HOSTAGE--

-AND
NOBODY
CARES ABOUT
DRUGS.

BUT
YOU...WELL,
I CAN HAVE
FUN WITH



PLAY WITH
YOU.

SO CREEPY.



F***K
YOU.



ALL IT
TAKES IS A
TOUCH.

MINDFULL'S POWERS SHORT CIRCUIT ZOE'S SYNAPTIC NERVES AND PUSH HER INTO AN ALTERED STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.







UGGHhhh...

THAT JACKET
IS HOT.

HOT MESS!

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